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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In a body fluid absorbent article comprising:

a liquid-pervious sheet;

5 a liquid-impervious sheet;

a body fluid absorbent core interposed therebetween;

an indicator interposed between said liquid-impervious  
sheet and said core and comprising a water-absorbent sheet which  
allows said core in a wet state to be visually perceived from  
10 outside said liquid-impervious sheet and indication elements  
temporarily concealed by said water-absorbent sheet;

said water-absorbent sheet comprising a porous  
thermoplastic film having an inner surface facing said core and  
an outer surface facing said liquid-impervious sheet;

15 said film having a total luminous transmittance of 40 %  
or lower in a dry state and 60 % or higher in a wet state; and

said indication elements being held in close contact with  
said inner surface.

20 2. The indicator according to Claim 1, wherein said  
thermoplastic film exhibits a Klemm's water-absorbency in a  
range of 1 to 10 mm.

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3. The indicator according to Claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic film contains 20 to 80 wt% of inorganic particles each having a particle diameter in a range of 0.1 to 10 $\mu$ .

5 4. The indicator according to Claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic film contains 0.5 to 5 wt% of modifier for hydrophilicity.

10 5. The indicator according to Claim 4, wherein said inorganic particles are coated with at least a part of said modifier for hydrophilicity.

6. The indicator according to Claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic film is obtained by extruding thermoplastic  
15 containing said inorganic particles to form a starting film and then monoaxially or biaxially stretching said starting film at a ratio of 100 to 300 %.

7. The indicator according to Claim 1, wherein said  
20 indication elements comprise layers of print ink or other coating materials intermittently formed on an inner surface of said water-absorbent sheet.

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8. The indicator according to Claim 1, wherein said indication elements is defined by said core itself.

9. The indicator according to Claim 1, wherein said  
5 thermoplastic film has a water-absorption in a range of 5 to  
100 wt%.